

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 9707.0009-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Hideyuki Okano et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1633  
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Application No.: 10/571,277 ) Examiner: Maria G. Leavitt  
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Filed: March 9, 2006 )  
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For: METHODS FOR ENHANCING ) Confirmation No.: 6053  
      SURVIVAL AND/OR PROLIFERATION )  
      OF NEURAL STEM CELLS AND )  
      NEURITE EXTENSION, ENHancers )  
      THEREFOR, PHARMACEUTICAL )  
      COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING )  
      NEURAL STEM CELLS, ASSAY )  
      METHODS, AND SCREENING )  
      METHODS )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Applicants reply to the Office Action mailed May 14, 2008, the period for response having been extended to October 14, 2008, by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper beginning at page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.